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INTRODUCTION.

CHRISTIAN Princes are Pharaohs. *Romish Priests* Gods. *Pope* above *God*. *New Executions* abroad are but *old Tragedies* re-acted. *Popery* founded and propagated by *Blood*, the darling *Liquid* of *Rome* and her *Off-spring*. *Papists* brought up in the *Art of Murder*, by their devilish *Cruelties* here, hope for *Civilities* from the *Devil* hereafter: *Protestantism* in a deep *Consumption*. *K. William's Legacy*.



Certain Preacher at *Naples*, when persuading the People into a Belief that the Priests were superior to Kings, broke out into this passionate Exclamation.

*Oh ye Princes of Christendom, ye are Pharaohs, and we Priests are your Gods. Oh ye Pharaohs obey your Gods! you can only obey the Creature, but we make the Creator himself come down on the Altars at our Pleasure**.

Thus the High Priest of *Rome* (who exalts himself above all that is called *God*,) pretends to a Power, not only to depose Sovereign Princes, but to pull Saints, yea, *God himself* out of *Paradise* (*abfit blasphemia*) as well as Sinners out of *Purgatory*.

In the *Lateran Council*, a certain Deity is ascrib'd to the *Roman Pontiff*; his Words in *Cathedra* are held equal to the sacred Writings, yea, of superior Authority; for he can decree contrary to them, and from his *Tribunal* there lies no Appeal, no not to the supreme Court. †

* *Turkish Spy*, Vol. V. Edit. VIII. P. 49.

† *Alter Deus in terra*, *Seſſ. 4.*

No Wonder then, to see the *Arch Flayen*, turgid with Pride, make such Inroads upon the divine and inalienable Rights of Mankind, sacrificing all to his impious Caprice that will not fall down and worship the *Golden Image*.

The late barbarous Executions at *Thorn* in *Poland*, seem as if they were flaming Beacons of War, as well as an Instance of most execrable Cruelty; a Cruelty in which, one would think, they had lavish'd out all the Stock of their Hatred and Rage at once.

Tho', indeed, there appears no Novelty in this Act of modern Rage against the Reformists, it being only the Re-acting of an old darling Tragedy upon those who dare oppose themselves to the Torrent of their Usurpations.

The Church of *Rome* delights to propagate her Species by Blood, the prolific Principle from whence she first sprang; so that Blood is a kind of Liquid connatural to her Gust, and swells her with Pleasure, and which having once tasted of, creates insatiable Thirst after more.

Hence 'tis, her Altars continually smoak with *Human Victims*, and that her Children, while the Clay is pliant, are educated in Maxims of Cruelty, the Priests painting it to them as their Duty to hate and murder Protestants; and in this they act so like the Devil as if they expected some particular Civilities from him hereafter.

We are daily alarmed with tragical Relations of horrid Murders committed upon our Protestant Brethren abroad; what fearful Depredations in the *Palatinate*? In *France*, what Cry of bleating Lambs? How does the prouling Wolf scour thro' the Fields? How does he distend his Paws to grasp the Prey? What Anguish, what Confusion, what Horror among the Remnant there? No Day but they are enclosed with Shades of Night.

The Reformation has been long upon the Decline, and probably had in a great Measure been extinguish'd by this time but for the happy *Legacy* bequeathed to us by the glorious King *WILLIAM*. The Votaries of *Rome* are implacable, their Hatred of us coeval with our Recess from their Church, and heighten'd beyond Possibility of Reconciliation: Therefore,

I N some Countries they will not allow Protestants to dwell among them; and where they have taken Rooting they are weeding them out as fast as they can.

I F a timely Check be not given to this cruel Persecution of Protestants, Protestantism will long subsist.





C H A P. I.

NO Protestants allowed to live in Spain, Portugal and Italy: On the other Hand, Papists are allowed to live in all Protestant States. Reiterated Treasons have not yet provoked us to scalp 'em. English Gibbets no Cure for Popish Madness. The Irish Climate propitious to this hurtful Vermin. Oliver's Motion to banish all the Irish Papists. Walsingham's Wish tolerated in Scotland and Denmark. In Swedeland, the Romish Priests allowed to preach and propagate. In Holland, Switzerland, the Hans Towns, are a great many of the same Leaven. In Popish Countries (as Spain, Portugal, Italy, Mexico, Peru, &c.) no Protestants are suffered to live among them.

THEY keep them at Arms-Length, as if their Breath was a pestilential Stream that infected the Air where they inhabited; and should the Protestants with a *non obstante* pitch their Tents among them, the Court of Inquisition would soon crush those presumptuous Sinners as pestiferous Vermin.

So odious is the Idea of the Protestant Religion in their Eyes, that by their inhuman Laws, 'tis immediate Death to profess it in their Precincts. The Spanish King has merited the Appellation of *Catholick*, because he suffers none but Catholicks to dwell in his Dominions, tho' at the same Time he is the remotest from the true Catholick Faith.

In Germany, where there are Multitudes of Protestants blended with the People of the Land, their Establishment is the Price of Blood, purchas'd by Dint of Sword, but even there the Fort is no longer tenable than they are able to defend it.

If there be any Spot of Ground where Papists are not formidable, 'tis because they have no Dragoons to make them so. Were their Power of equal Size with their Will, not a Protestant but what had been roasted in Sulphur long ago; no, not a Heathen should escape the fiery Tryal, as appears by the Spaniards incredible Barbarity towards the *American Indians*.

They do not only murder those poor Creatures, but dispatch'd them with the most exquisite Torments that Hell could devise; so great was the Destruction, that in the space of

of Forty Years, they killed in the Southern Provinces between Thirty and Forty Millions of the *Americans*

So universal were the Massacres, that one might travel Seven Hundred Miles, and find no Body, tho' the Country was populous before the *Spaniards* made that terrible Havoc; this made the miserable Indians think the *GOD* of the *Christians* the worst of all Gods, that had such cruel Servants.

On the other Hand, there are no Protestant States but suffer *Papists* to dwell in them, and to enjoy their Religion without Disturbance, if they don't disturb the Government.

At this Moment, there are Millions of *Papists* who are subject to Protestant Princes, and who enjoy their civil and religious Immunities (without any Determent or Menaces, on the Score of different Sentiments in Religion) daily resorting to Mass without Dread of Informers, and in all Courts of Justice *Papists* and *Antipapists* are treated with equal Regards: Whereas in the Court of *France* all the Cry was, *I plead against a Heretick, I have to do with a Man whose Religion is odious to the STATE, and which our Sovereign Lord the KING would have entirely extirpated.* And by this Artifice, those upon the Bench (some of whom wanted not a benevolent Inclination) were terrify'd, and oppressed Protestants denied the Relief of common Justice.

Thus the generous Protestant gives Protection to *Wolves*, when *Papists* will not permit *Lambs* to live in their Countries, unless it be for the Butcher. Protestants, like Heaven, when provoked, drop their Wrath even when they have Instruments of Revenge in their Power; suffering those who are professed Enemies to sojourn among them, which has something in it that is great and heroical.

In *England* are several *Catholicks*, who, tho' their Religion (upon the Score of rebellious Principles) be prohibited, yet are not distressed in the Profession of it, and I believe never will be, if they don't resume the old, but unsuccessful Trade of Plotting; a Sin which the Gallows has not been yet able to cure them of.

In *Ireland*, (a Country *Walsingham* wish'd buried in the Sea) there are a superior Number of *Papists*, where they have many *Bishops* and *Vicars*, either *Apostolical* or *Capitular*, and are allowed the free Use of their Religion: And when treated with Severity, 'tis not for Religion, but for Want of Religion, i. e. either for their *Conspiracies* against the Government, or *Murders* and *Robberies* against their Neighbours.

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The Irish Massacre was such a Prodigy of Barbarousness; as would have justified the Transplantation of all the Irish Catholicks. If we had banish'd those bloody Assassimators, Root and Branch, into Tartary, Siberia, or any where beyond the Tropicks, to cool their Thirst after human Blood, no Nation could have tax'd us with Injustice; because the Murder of Two Hundred Thousand Innocent Men deserved a severer Chastisement.

It was Oliver's Advice to banish them, and if Oliver had done it, (which he might have done without draining the Kingdom) he had done a very valuable and significant Piece of Service to Protestantism, and 'till it be done, it can never be truly said of Ireland, that it nourishes no venomous Creatures.

Let us suppose Two Hundred Thousand Papists murdered by Protestants, and that the popish Governors in that Country had the Power of Revenge in their Hands, what would they do? Would they have allowed those Murderers the Liberty of Life any where on Earth? I trów not. If there had been any such Instance in being, it would have furnish'd them with everlasting Pleas in Justification of their cruel and inexorable Rage against the Reformed; but 'tis the Honour of our Religion, that it was never stained with bloody Massacres.

In Clement the XI his Time, there were twelve Jesuits, and ten secular Priests under a Superior, dispers'd thro' Scotland, where they met with no Molestation in their Worship. If this mutinous Tribe be in a State of Acquiescence under Presbytery in Scotland, and under Prelacy in England and Ireland, one would wonder, what 'tis that povokes the Papist, and fills his Mind with such furious Indignation against us.

But you'll say, *How have foreign Protestants acquitted themselves in this Respect?* I answer, with perfect Clemency, but when the Conspiracies of Papists against the State, brought political Vengeance upon them, a late KING of Denmark made no Scruple of granting Liberty of Conscience to the Papists in the Town of Altena, at the Instance of the Chevalier de Trebon, the French Ambassador, tho' at the same Time the French King denied Liberty to the Protestants in Languedoc.

His Danish Majesty conniv'd at the opening of a Mass-House in Copenhagen, which Liberty (by their outrageous Insolencies under the succeeding Reign) they justly forfeited;

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the *Papists* as well as the *Calvinists*, at *Glugstat* on the *Elb*, are allowed a publick Chapel by the *Danes*.

The *Swedes*, who formerly deter'd Priests from entering the Kingdom, have now laid aside their enormous hatred, and suffer *Papists* to live and trade among them, the Law of Castration being repeal'd at the Instigation of the Fathers Confessors, for very good Reasons and Causes them thereunto moving.

The *united Provinces* contain above Three Hundred Thousand Catholicks, and many Hundred Priests, whose Religion is tolerated under the Inspection of the Bishop of *Castoria*, *Apostolick Vicar of Holland*, according to *Cerris's Account*.

Here the Romish Priests live securely, and at large, here they make a Merchandise of Heaven, one of the Conditions of Sale being, who bids most shall be the Buyer.

In the Provinces of *lower Germany*, and in the *Hans-Towne*, there are large Covies of them, viz. troublesome *Papists*, who meet with no Trouble for their Religion. There are huge Swarms of them in and about *Hamburg*, where they are allowed publick Churches under a Protestant Government, the Repose of which they often disquiet.

In *Switzerland*, where the Sons of *Rome* have little Reason to expect Indulgence, they are allowed the Exercise of their Religion in the two mixt Cantons, *Glaris* and *Appenzal*, where the Reformed are more numerous and strong.

From the Summity of their Hills, they have long beheld with Grief the Smoak arising from the fiery Furnaces around them, into which the *Nebuchadnezzars* of the Earth cast the *Children of the Reformation*. *

* See *Monsignor Cerris's State of the Roman Catholick Religion*.

C H A P. II.

PROTESTANTS harrass'd and massacred for their Religion in all Popish Countries, as Hungary, Piedmont, Palatinate, France. Sad Consequence of Protestants turning Papists. Clemency the Genius of Protestantism. If Papists had their Will, no Protestant should live. Catholicks more happy under a Protestant than under Popish Government. Papists hereditary Enemies to England. Banishment their due. Can give no Pledge to the State for their good Behaviour. N. B. In Popish Kingdoms loyal Protestants are treated as Rebels: In Protestant States disloyal Papists as Subjects.

MANY Popish Princes whose Kingdoms abounded with Protestant Churches, have by violent Methods rooted them out, and that for no other Crime objected to them, but their Religion.

In some Places the Destruction of Protestants has been total, and where they have yet an Existence, they are barbarously handled, wrong'd out of all their Rights; their Churches, Schools, Houses, Lands, and Children, wrested from them by Violence; and when permitted to banish themselves, have not been able to take any thing with them but their Consciences. Oh cruel Popery! Thy Name is Apollyon, the Destroyer! The Abomination that makes desolate! How many flourishing Churches have been buried in Ruins by the Son of Perdition and his spiritual Dragoons!

Come, and see, what Desolations the Spirit of Popery has made in the Earth: The Pagan has slain his Tho islands: The Papist his Ten Thousands.

Time was, when there were Multitudes of Protestants in Hungary, Transylvania, Moravia, Austria, Bohemia; if there be now a Hussite in Bohemia, he is invisible, being forced to conceal his Protestant Principle, to prevent his being knock'd on the Head.

In 1674. the poor Hungarian Protestants were by all the Arts of Cruelty reduced to the lowest Ebb of Misery; the Barbarities wherewith they and our Brethren in the Vallies of Piedmont (who are suppos'd to be the purest Remains of Christianity, and never defil'd with the Errors of Rome) were inexpressibly cruel beyond Imagination!

The *Palatinate*, lately a Protestant Branch of the Empire, is now a Limb of the Beast, being over-run with the Weeds of Popery: The Cloud over that Country looks black, but we hope a new Star may yet appear in the Horizon of the *Palatinate*, and that it will not be in the Power of *Sultsbac* to eclipse its Rays, however favourable to him a certain last Will may be. Let the brave King of *Prussia* live for ever!

And in a neighbour Kingdom, how many Millions of innocent Protestants have been inhumanly dispatch'd by the Hands of Violence? How long has that unhappy Land been delug'd with the Blood (not of impious and disloyal, but) of righteous and good Men? And only for making the Bible, and not the Priest, the Rule of their Faith and Worship.

In *Germany*, after many bloody Struggles, the Protestant Religion was establish'd by the *Westphalian Treaty*, 1648. and things continued in a tolerable good Posture, till the late *French King* broke in upon the Empire, and took several Towns and Cities, in all which, he dispossess'd the Protestants of their Rights and Religion, which by the *Treaty of Retswick*, received a kind of Sanction, as they interpret it.

The Desertion of Protestants to the Romish Church, gives us another melancholy Prospect, and at the same Time administers to our Enemies no slender Matter of Triumph and Hope. How fatal a Blow to the Reformation was the Apostacy of the *Elector of Saxony*, now *King of Poland*, and of his Son the Prince.

The Daughters of *Wolfenbuttel*, dazzl'd with the Lustre of Crowns, exchang'd the *Rose* for the *Aconite*, *Pater Noster* for *Ave Maria*, *Goshen* for *Egypt*.

Some Protestant Ecclesiasticks, bloated with Ambition and Avarice, have embrac'd the Idols of *Rome*: The *Cardinal Saxe*, *Zeits*, the *Bishop of Ratisbon*, &c. were educated Protestants. The Romish Church is never without a Fund of Honour and Preferment to encourage Proselytes, abounds with Gems to enchain their Cups and yellow Slaves to fill them.

Thus our Holy Religion abroad loses Ground, not only under the Yoke of Popish Lords, but, by the Desertion of its Friends. But to proceed, we have seen how our foreign Brethren are treated by Papists: In the next Place let us view the Spirit of a Protestant with Regard to Papists, and you'll find it to be that of pure Christianity, viz. Love in its Latitude, a benevolent Disposition of Mind towards them as our Fellow Creatures, tho' Enemies. Hence it is, the Vassals of *Rome* are suffer'd to breath in Protestant Air, and not extirpated, tho' according to our Homilies, their Religion is *Idolatry* and *Rebellion*. Their

Their Antipathy is incurable, as it is ignoble and causeless. No Protestant should escape the painful Sensation of the Rack, if their *Might* equall'd the *Malice* of their *Will*: As it is, their *Plots*, *Conspiracies*, *Treasons*, *Massacres*, *Frauds*, *Oppositions*, &c. fill up a great Part of the *Annals of Europe*.

None of our Princes since the Reformation but have (some way or other) been diitress'd or bewitch'd by the Enticement of these *Italian Syrens*, and yet they still live to deceive the Nations. Not a *Roman* among us is entitled to a Foot of Land, but what has been forfeited over and over again, by a long Train of Capital Crimes; yet these unreasonable Creatures are not only safe, but more safe in their Persons and Properties, than if they were in *France* or *Spain*, where the King governs all by an unbounded *Will*, i. e. where *Power reigns without Reason*.

Never had People such flagrant Provocations to sacrifice an old hereditary Enemy as the *English* have; yet this Enemy is not only tolerated, but generously secur'd and shelter'd under our Wings; yea, at the same Time that he thirsts after the Blood of his Protectors, and is meditating their Ruin.

If these Tygers in human Shape had been banish'd into the Land of *Cahuro*, or any where under the *Equinoctial*, to see how they lik'd the Excess of natural Heat, it would have been a Conviction to the World of our Clemency, since their reiterated Treasons entitle them to severer Executions: Yet they live, they live in *England*, live in profound Tranquility, live in the undisturb'd Exercise of their Superstitions, live under the Protection of a Government to which they deny Allegiance and Affection.

If to serve a Turn, they swear to it, 'tis only a political Grimace, done by Indulgence from the Pope, who by his holy Jugglings unswears 'em again; you may as soon fetter them with a Rope of Sand, as with the Solemnity of an Oath.

Were there no other Reason to justify their Transplantion, this were sufficient; because they will not, yea, because (by the Principles of their Religion) they cannot give the Government that protects them a Pledge of their Fidelity: If they bind themselves by an Oath, the Bond is but a precarious Security, since it may be any Day cancell'd by the Dash of an *Italian Pen*.

Thus the Roman Catholicks are taught from their Infancy to play the *Hocus Pocus* with the sacred Solemnities of Religion. These Men therefore justly forfeit their Right to the Protection of a Government, unto which they can give no reasonable Security for their good Behaviour.

These are *Serpents* in our *Bosom*, and yet to rid the Nation of these dangerous Creatures, and plant in their Room a Colony of *French or German Refugees*, might perhaps be interpreted an *Act of Severity*; but in *Truth*, very consistent with the Law of Self-Preservation, there being no other Way, without falling into the *Popish Method*, to bind those to their good Behaviour who have vowed our *Destruction*; and we know they only want a proper Season to execute their villainous *Design*, in dispensing that *Wrath* which they have been long treasuring up for us.

This Transportation, I confess, carries with it an *Air of Cruelty*; however it's no way parallel to the *Barbarities* executed by the *Papists* upon our *Brethren* in foreign Countries: *Self-Preservation* constrains to it. *Necessity* breaks no *Law*.

But when we constrain them to swallow a little of that *Venom* they have so profusely spit out against *Protestants*, we should *infermix Mercy with Judgment*; therefore when they are spued out of the Land, let 'em gang off with *Bodies unhurt*, and with their *Goods and Chattels*, in what *Form* or *Fashion* they please; let us *shed no Blood*, *lay no Hands* on 'em but let them depart in *Peace*, attended with our best *Wishes* for their *Illumination*.

These things furnish us with an uncouth Observation, *wiz. that peaceable Protestants abroad are treated like Rebels, and rebellious Papists at home like peaceable Subjects*.

Foreign *Protestants* who vow Allegiance to their *Popish Governors*, and religiously observe their *Oath*, are *oppress'd, pillag'd and hang'd*: And why all this? Why, because they will not turn *mad Men, and go out of their Senses to become Christians*. All these *Cruelties* might be prevented, if they would but believe or say that they eat their *GOD* in the *consecrated Wafer*, and had *Throats wide enough to swallow Mountains of Contradictions and Impossibilities*.

But *English Papists*, who vow and swear *Obedience to the Pope and Pretender*, enjoy their *Religion and civil Immunities* without any vexatious *Prosecutions*, no, not so much as *Interruption* in their *superstitious Acts of Devotion*; none of 'em are *dragoon'd into our Churches*, or forced into *Slaughter*.

Slaughter-Houses for not complying with the establish'd Mode of Worship, none of their Children forc'd from them, and brought up in the Religion of the State.

In short, if those Thousands and Thousands of Protestants that within the Memory of Man have fall'n Victims to the insatiable Rage of *Rome*, were now alive, yea, only the French Protestants, *Rome* would tremble, the Conclave grow pale with Envy and Despair, the Spirit of the Church succumb under the Weight, and the Engines of Persecution drop out of her Hand.

By these annual Executions and Calcinations they hope to reduce Protestants into a narrower Circle, which in Process of Time, will enable them to extend their Claws so, as to grasp the whole Body for their Prey, which leads to the next Head.

C H A P. III.

*I*F a full Stop be not put to Popish Persecutions and Massacres, 'tis to be feared, that in time there will not be a sufficient Number of Protestants left to defend themselves. But for the Protestant Succession settled in the House of Hanover, Popery would have been the universal Religion. While Protestant Powers are asleep, Papists sow Tares in Protestant Fields, and pluck up the Wheat: Alberoni against a religious War, till all Protestants under Popish Governors be eradicated. The Romish Sword never sheath'd, but in Blood, Impudence and Wild-Fire College Virtues. Flags of Defiance: Zeal for the Church sanctifies the most horrible Cruelties, and makes them meritorious.

*I*F a timely Check be not given to this long and cruel Persecution of Protestants, Protestantism can't long subsist.

We have already animadverted on the Desolations made in the Protestant World by the Sollicitors of Hell, the Fire of whose Rage is, it seems, too strong to be conquer'd by a Sea of Blood. Where will these horrible and barbarous Executions (whose Revolution is periodical) terminate?

If this outragious and rampant Spirit be not controul'd, 'tis to be fear'd, that in Process of time, there will not be left a sufficient Number of Protestants to defend themselves, and to carry on a religious War, of which the haughty and thoughtless Enemies have given frequent Signals.

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And we know they want not Inclination to extend and enlarge their new Conquests. The *Italian Oracle* has been consulted, but the *infallible Tripod* can't insure Success in the Enterprize against us, especially since the Operation of the Protestant Succession-Act ; yet they can't forbear firing at our Parties from their Ambuscado's.

Astonishing ! Protestant Churches have by barbarous Hands been sack'd and demolish'd in Popish Kingdoms, and Mass-Houses stand firm and unthreaten'd in Protestant Countries ! How long shall poor Protestants on Account of their Consciences be murdered by Papists, and Papists who have no Conscience be protected and indulg'd by Protestants ?

When Protestants who have their Residence in Catholick Dominions are entirely devour'd, then have at the main Body, in order to make Popery the universal and only Religion.

Was not there good Seed sown in the Field ? Yes. From whence then has it Tares ? How comes the Wheat to be pluck'd up ? The Enemy has done it, while the Men in high Places slept.

The *Philistines*, said *Delilah*, to *Sampson*, are upon thee, when it was too late to save himself ; the Hair, in which his prodigious Strength lay, being cut off when asleep, he, when awake, became an easy Prey to his old inveterate Enemies.

Alberoni advises against all Projects tending to a religious War, till there be a further Reduction of Protestants, especially in Popish States : When those miserable Creatures are entirely consum'd, then the *Italian Bands* may (with Hope of greater Success) conduct the *Crusado* into Protestant Countries, where their Catholick Brethren will be ready to embrace them, and to cut their Neighbours Throats, in order to facilitate the Conquest.

We have no Reason to think the Furies are come to their *Ne plus ultra*, since the Sword of that Church (from the Reformation) was never sheath'd ; but in Arms, Blood, and Carnage, we behold with Grief the Progress of it in the gradual Destruction of Protestantism : The Protestant Body is too formidable for an Attack in Form, therefore they deal subtilely with our Kindred, they lye upon the Lurch, murder in the dark, coin Crimes where they find none, they assume various Forms, of a Lyon, Lamb, — and in all they poison and plunder.

Come on, said the KING of Ægypt, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply ; q. d. let us make them Slaves, and keep them poor, and cut them off par degrez. The Task-Masters

Masters of *Egypt* were merciful Lords, compar'd with the Tyrants of *Rome*, who like the Lords of the Deserts make their Subjects their Prey.

Our Enemies who are well appriz'd of their inferior Strength, yet cease not to give fresh Challenges to the Patrons of the Reformation, who are struck at in all those bloody Scenes: So audacious and daring are their Insults, as if they were sure of a final Conquest; a Sign they have lost all their College-Virtues, but Impudence and Wild-Fire.

These Atrocities they generally commit in their own Precincts, where every Ecclesiastical Butcher is Lord Paramount, and (if we may believe those who pretend a Privilege to lye) superior to all Powers in Heaven and Earth. Impunity animates them in their unchristian and unmanly Pursuits, and the Prospect of meriting Heaven by it, adds Fuel to the impetuous Flame.

In a Word, Zeal for the Church sanctifies all Cruelties and solves all Doubts and Compunctions, that may arise from unextinguish'd Humanity in the Conscience; thus guarded, they daily push on their Conquests, proceeding from less to greater; so that what was formerly a Torrent, is now swell'd into a mighty River, and if that River be not soon and well bank'd, it will swell into an irresistible Deluge. The red Regiments like Troops of Waves come rolling on; Our Neighbours Fields are already over-run with them, and their Aim is at all.

Thus the *Romans* of old, who set up for Patrons of Justice, were never satisfied, till all that belonged to others became their own; they first conquer'd *Italy*, then *Spain*, next *France*, afterwards *Germany*, and after them *England*. Nor did their Ambition rest here, but carried them over *Asia* and *Africa*, so that from Lords of one Town, *Rome* in its Embryo, they became Monarchs of the whole World.

Now, What shall be done? What can be done in a Case so perplex'd and intricate? A deep and desperate Wound is given to the Protestant Cause; Who? And what must stanch the Blood?

Shall we summon in the Aids of Heaven?
Shall Protestant Princes remonstrate against those Cruelties?
Shall we make Reprisals on the Enemy?
Shall we repel Force by Force? And if so. Are we a Match for their Legions?

SECTION I.

Prayers and Tears, the Weapons of the Church, formerly successful, have lost their Force. Oracles are silent.

SHALL we address Heaven on Behalf of our persecuted Brethren ?

'Tis done. I need not summon you to muster up your Griefs, and mingle your Tears with their Blood : No doubt, but innumerable fervent Addresses are lodg'd in the supreme Court ; but alas ! The divine Nemesis turns the deaf Ear, and the Weapons of the Church, that were wont to conquer the Anger of Heaven, have lost their *quondam* Energy. What then shall we do for the Innocents doom'd to die ? The Gates of Heaven that us'd to fly open before the Prayers of the Faithful continue shut. No Reprieve descends from above ! No Arrest of Judgment !

Our Reformed Brethren are in sore Distress, the Philistines make War upon them : They cry aloud for Help, but all Refuge fails. We have sent our ardent Supplications to Heaven, but Heaven answers not, *Neither by Dreams, nor by Urim, nor by Prophets.* No Fire descends upon our Altars. Panathanaea is of no Efficacy. Our Oracles are silent, as Lamps that burn in subterraneous Tombs. Terrible Silence ! more dreadful than the Sound of Thunder.

SECTION II.

Remonstrances made by Protestant Princes, in Favour of persecuted Protestants, disregarded, and will be, till something else give Weight to their Mediation.

SHALL Protestant Princes intercede with the Men of Violence in Behalf of oppressed Protestants ?

It's done ; and in Terms most pathetick : But alas ! The most moving Applications have been no more than still-born Sounds ; the Pharaohs of the Nations will not let the People go. The Oppressor is inflexible. Letters intercessional have been sent by the Protestant Powers to the King of Poland, in Favour of the most miserable Inhabitants of Thorn ;

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but so far was he and his Ministers from being impress'd, that they dispatch'd the Execution of those poor Innocents several Days before the Time determined by the Sentence.

To complain of Wrong, or sue for Mercy, where Jesuits rule and over-rule, is to address the Dumb and Deaf: The Wolf having got the Sheep into his Paw, is not to be harangu'd out of his Prey; no, not by the Eloquence of Royal Mediators.

The ~~Fr~~ as well as the Popish Persecutor, is hardened beyond the Reclaim of common Prescriptions. 'Tis possible indeed to achieve something that may give Weight to their Remonstrances, and that is, to treat Papists as they do Protestants; this would induce even the Pope to plead for the Liberty of Protestants, to prevent the Destruction of his own Minions and Vassals; the Consideration of which, falls under the next Head.

SECTION III.

Qualified Reprisals a Cure for Popish Bigotry. Lex talionis, practis'd by the Romans and Jews, illustrated. More Papists in Protestant Countries, than Protestants in Popish ones. A voluntary Banishment and Exchange of Parties proposed. Protestants the greatest Gainers by it. Trade an Enemy to the Church. Laymens Business to be poor, and drudge for the Priest. Riches the Property of the Church, and when got into Lay Hands, the Church is in Danger. Fifty Papists for Fifty Protestants. Jesuits at the Helm in Church and State. Consequences of their Regency.

WHAT shall be done? Shall Protestant Princes make Reprisals upon the Papists that dwell in Protestant Dominions?

The Law of Retaliation duly executed, would very probably put an End to Popish Cruelties; but such a Treatment would be palpable Oppression, and to copy from that gloomy Original, would be to lay waste human Nature. But the Law of Retaliation, subject to certain Restrictions, may perhaps, and with equal Success, be executed without offering Violence to the Maxims of Religion and Reason; and till something of this Nature (where Stipulations, Parchments, and Seals are not binding) be done, or Re-

course had to Force, there is little Hopes of putting a Stop to the Progress of the impetuous Inundation.

The Religion of Protestants has for many Years been upon the Decline, and, without a vigorous Effort, of the Protestant Powers, the growing Eclipse will become total.

The *Romans* had a Law they call'd *Lex talionis*, which in all criminal Cases directed the Punishment to be in some Circumstances adequate to the Fault.

The *Statutes of Moses* require *Tooth for Tooth, Eye for Eye*, and so proportionably for other Injuries: This Rule was agreeable to the divine Method of executive Justice, and is in perpetual Force, as it is the Foundation-Law of Right and Wrong, and the Rule whereby Rewards and Punishments are measured and distributed: *With what Judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what Measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.* Mat. vii. 2.

This Method of Justice has one peculiar Advantage, That it carries a powerful Conviction along with it. Thus, when *Adonibezek* had his Thumbs and great Toes cut off, he subscribes to the Equity of the Sentence, saying, *Three Score and Ten Kings, having their Thumbs and great Toes cut off, gathered their meat under my Table; as I have done, so God has requited me.* Judg. i. 6, 7. *

This is that grand Retribution the present Examples of Severity seem to call for, (if milder Methods fail) as one of the last Expedients for securing the Protestant Faith abroad, and by Consequence at home, which by a new Conspiracy of the Jesuits (those Furies incarnate) is threatened with utter Extinction; and perhaps, it may be no Error in Politicks to moat and keep the Men of Blood at a Distance from us, and bind their Hands, till they are taught to make better Use of 'em.

Should Protestant States resolve to root out Popery from their Dominions, and to have but one Religion with its various Subordinations and Subdivisions, it would contribute towards curing those Franticks of their pious Madness: But that must be with this Proviso and Difference, that no Papist be depriv'd of his Life, or Possessions, in the Execution of this Law, but may be impowered to make the best Hand of his Moveables and *Terra firma*, and with them to retire to the Land of *Nod*, and there linger out their Days among the Murderers of the Brethren.

* *Neque enim less equior ulla est.* Ovid.
Quam Necis Artifices arte perire sua.

The Pythagoreans define Punishment by *Αὐτιτῶν*, a Suffering the like, and the Judgment of *Radamanthus* is brought to confirm this Method, *viz.* that then Justice is duly administer'd, when the Offender suffers as he sins. *

But these Expressions have a proverbial Aspect, implying no more, than that the Penalty ought to be proportion'd to the Offence, since 'tis not necessary a Man should suffer in the same Manner he offended, *i. e.* that the Criminal should always be punished by Retaliation.

It's generally presum'd, that there are more Papists in Protestant Countries, than Protestants in Popish Ones, especially since the sad and melancholy Executions abroad: Now instead of sanguinary Means, what if we propose *Banishment and Barter* by way of Compromise, to prevent Effusion of Blood?

Let Papists, who are scattered ameng Protestants, be pronounced Aliens, but have Liberty to sell their Estates, and transplant themselves into Popish Dominions, taking with them Bag and Baggage; and let Protestants residing among Papists be allow'd the same Privilege, *viz.* of converting their Estates into portable Effects, and of retiring with them into Protestant Climates.

This can be no disagreeable Motion to Papists, who hate Protestants, and have been always emptying their Country of them, in order to establish papal Uniformity. And the Motion must needs be agreeable to Protestants, because the Advantage falls on their Side; Protestant Countries being more propitious to Strangers to live in, not only upon the Score of *Liberty*, (*a Blessing superior to Life*;) but because Protestants are the great trading People of the World.

In Popish Countries, *Trade* is generally reckoned among the Enemies of the Church: The Reason is, because Trade is the Riches of the Laity, and such Riches as they are apt to look upon as their own. Whereas the proper Eu-finess of Laymen (those inferior Pieces of Clay) is to be poor, to crouch, and be subject, and drudge hard for the Church, that thereby, the Priest may be put into a Capacity to ransom them out of Purgatory.

The Lay-poverty so conspicuous in Spain, and Italy, is justly attributed to the Religion of the Church, who has impos'd the Observation of so many Holidays, that they

* Puffendorf's *Laws*, lib. viii. c. 3.

are not allow'd above two or three Days a Week for common Labour.

To grant them six Days out of seven for secular Business, would be to aggrandise Slaves, and mount 'em into a Station, to which the Priests have an hereditary Right: Should Laymen grow rich, they would grow arrogant, and be apt to claim a Property to *their Estates*, and to *their Understandings* too; the Consequence of which, would be infinitely pernicious to the Church: For if Men begin to see with their own Eyes, there will be no need of spiritual Guides.

But you'll say, Retaliation must be personal. True, where it may be exercised. In the Want of such Opportunity, you may substitute Equivalents, and such as are generally allowed by Confederacies, Alliances, and Leagues, as well as Laws of War.

Now let us suppose, for Instance, a Hundred *Palatine Protestants* be driven out of their native Country, all destitute and naked: Let the King of *Prussia* drive out of his Country an equal Number of *Papists* of the same Rank; but with this Difference, namely, that they may transport all their Idols, and all other Effects with them.

Should a neighbour Prince sentence Fifty of his Protestant Subjects to the Drudgery of the Oar: Let the *KING of Britons* commit as many Papists of equal Quality to *Bridewel*, or *House of Correction*, allowing them their Estates, and the private Use of their Religion: At the same Time suggesting to them, how their Confinement is the Effect of Popish Cruelties abroad, to which Cruelties they themselves are Consenters, Accessories and Parties; because in Sentiments they concur with those bloody Men, approve their Deeds, and are obliged to do so by Principle and Interest; withal informing them how the Crown of *England* is Guarantee for the Liberty of our neighbouring Protestants; and, therefore, may make Reprisals when and where it pleases; but that they shall be no longer in Durance, than our Brethren abroad are in Trouble.

Does the King of *Poland* say, I will have no Protestant in my Kingdom? Let another Potentate say, and I will have no Papist in my Dominions; nor yet will I deprive them of their Limbs and Lives, nor of their Goods and Chattels; but the Bench shall make an Order to convey them to the Place where their proper Settlement is, and

and when there, let 'em send for Turks to teach them Humanity.

The Jesuits, those *Phaetons of the Earth*, and great Sources of Persecution, who long aim'd at universal Power, have at Length gain'd their Point ; there being now no Popish State, in which, they are not the sole Guardians of Conscience, and supreme Directors in the State. What the Consequences will be, I portend not ; but those who know the Definition of a Jesuit, know that Fire is his Nature, Iron his Heart, and War his Wish. In a Word,

That Reprisals of this Nature have been successful, is exemplified in the King of Prussia : The Prince of Newburgh, who makes such Havock in the Palatinate, dare not disturb his Protestant Subjects in Juliers and Berg ; because if he did, the King of Prussia would make Reprisals on the Papists in Cleves, which is under the Jurisdiction of his Prussian Majesty.

SECTION IV.

IF Protestant Princes don't put a Stop to the Progress of Popish Cruelties, where will they end ? Princes advanced for the Protection of their Fellow Mortals. Persecution is a House on Fire. Hercules and Theseus applauded by the Ancients for subduing Tyrants, that invaded the Liberties and Rights of Mankind. Religion that is not to be propagated by Force, may be defended against those that would destroy it. Church of Rome in War against Protestants ever since the Reformation. The Primitive Church under Constantine rescued persecuted Christians by Force of Arms. Oppressed Protestants assisted by the Church of England against their lawful Sovereigns, when their Sovereigns turn Oppressors.

SINCE the bloody Executions abroad are so many Declarations of War against Protestants, shall Protestant Sovereigns accept the Challenge, and repel Force by Force, or sit still and let these bloody Ministers of Death carry on their Conquests ?

Private Christians must keep within their Sphere, avoiding Eccentricities, and be subject to the higher Powers ; but Princes, who are elevated to high Stations, are not under the same Restrictions ; their Commission being to give Protection

to Virtue and Innocence, as they are the Shields of the Earth, and Representatives of the universal King.

In a common Calamity all Hands are at Work; as in a Town when a House is on Fire, all the Neighbours contribute their best Assistance towards suppressing the Flames; and to prevent their Progress will blow up the adjoining Houses, without any Regard to Property for that time; tho' afterwards, the Proprietors of them ought to be equally consider'd with the other Sufferers, by the Community of which they are Members.

What is the terrible Graffation at *Thorn*, but a kind of *political Fire* kindled in the Bowels of Protestant Churches? A Fire which threatens the Overthrow of all, if the raging Flame be not extinguish'd in time. †

To support oppres'd Innocence, and subdue open Tyrants, is a Work worthy of those who are born to assert and maintain the Liberties of Mankind. Such, says *Grotius*, who have equal Power with Kings, have a Power not only to punish Injuries done against themselves and Subjects, but others who inhumanly violate the Law of Nature and Nations.*

Yea, so much more noble is it to vindicate other Men's Injuries than our own; hence it is, that the Chastisement of publick Oppressors, has been always counted a Kindness to Mankind, and a generous Regard to the Rights of human Nature.

Thus *Hercules* is applauded by the Ancients, for setting oppressed Countries at Liberty from such as *Antæus* the *Libyan Tyrant*, who having designed to erect a Temple to *Nep-tune of human Sculls*, kill'd all Men he met, which coming to the Ears of the *Tirynthian Hero*, he dispatch'd him out of the World by a Squeeze.

Busiris King of *Ægypt*, another Tyrant, who sacrificed Passengers and Travellers, was attack'd and slain by *Hercules* for his inhuman Violences. Some think the *Ægyptian Word* signifies the Sepulchre of *Osiris*, near which Place, it was the Custom to offer up human Victims.

Diomedes King of *Thrace*, who fed his Horses with human Fleh, was with his Horses slain by *Hercules* for his barbarous Usage of Mankind.

† *proximus ardet.*

Ucagon. Virg. *Aeneid. lib. ii. Juven. Sat. iii.*

* *Grot. lib. ii. § iii.*

The Ancients speak of him as the Grand Patron of Liberty, and that he travers'd the Earth, not to plunder it, or indulge a vicious Humour; but to hunt out publick Oppressors, and execute Justice upon 'em.

Theseus, a noble Athenian (fired with a generous Emulation of *Hercules* his Relative, and whose heroick Actions he endeavoured to imitate) was placed among the Gods, for subduing those that disturbed the publick Peace of the World. †

Procrustes the Tyrant of *Attica*, who cut off the Legs of those that were longer than his Bed, and stretch'd with Cords those that were shorter, was himself put to the same Death, by *Theseus*, wherewith he us'd o murder innocent Men.

It was the Opinion of *Isocrates*, that the most just War is against wild Beasts; the next against Men that are like those Beasts. *

Even a private Man may tie the Hands of a cruel Father, to prevent him from murdering his Child; yea, should a King in a delirious Fit attempt the Death of those about him, a Subject without Breach of Duty, may wrest the Sword out of his Hand, and put it out of his Power to hurt his Friends.

Thus, we see that in Case of Tyranny, whether open or private, punitive Power has (by the Light and Law of Nature) extended it self further than federal Jurisdiction, and that remarkable Oppressors of Mankind have been (and may be) chastis'd by those who have no legal Dominion over them, therefore adds the Casuist, *viz.*

Kings, besides the Care of their own Kingdom, have lying upon them the Care of human Society: Hence it is, that the Powers of the Earth enter into Alliances and Leagues to guard Mēn against the Oppression of their own Governors and others. And this accounts for the Original of a Guarantee, whose Office is, not only to see Articles perform'd in Treaties between Princes and Princes, but between Princes and their Subjects; as in the Case of *Thorn*, where by the Treaty of *Oliva*, the King of *Prussia* is Guardian of their Liberties, as the Kings of *England* are of the *Edict of Nantes*, by the *Peace of Montpelier* and by other Treaties. ‡

† *Plut. in vit.*

* τὸν δὲ τόλεμον ὑπελάμβανον, *Ec. Isocrat. Orat. 3 Ep. Panathenaic, p. 413. Cantabr. 1686.*

‡ *Memorial of Fr. Refugees to Q. Ann. 1712.*

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Besides, tho' Protestants be situated in different and distant Regions, they may be look'd upon as Members of one Body or Society, united for mutual Defence, animated by one Soul, viz. the Reformation, whose Interest is to preserve entire all its Parts, and make Reprisals upon all Aggressors and their Allies.

Divide Europe into Protestant and Papist, and in this Situation, and View, the two Denominations are declared Enemies, and always have been in a State of War since the Reformation; so that when one commits Hostilities on the other, why should not the injur'd Party make Reprisals upon the Invader, in case he refuses to make Satisfaction in an amicable Way? This Protestant Alliance and Union should produce such Intimacy and Conformity between confederated Protestants, as that it may be said, *He that toucheth one, toucheth the other also.*

But how far the supreme Powers of the World may extend their powerful Regards to innocent Subjects of other Princes, who are so notoriously oppress'd, plunder'd, and cruelly murder'd for their Religion, that hold no Principles opposite to Government, Nature, or Revelation. *Hic Labor hoc Opus.*

The Partition of the Earth into distinct States, being only a human prudential Constitution, Query, Whether this does exempt Princes from doing universal Justice to the utmost of their Power upon extraordinary Occasions? If the Shepherd of the People should transform himself into a Wolf, and go about to worry his Flock, is there no Remedy?

I shall only observe, *That Governments are not set up for the Advantage, Pleasure and Glory of Princes, but for the good of Society:* For this Reason, *Plato* and *Aristotle* find no more certain Way of distinguishing between a good King and a Tyrant, than that the first seeks to promote the common Good, and the other his own Pleasure and Profit.

The Liberties of the People are the Gifts of Heaven, and not derived from their Governors, who are obliged to govern themselves and People by certain Laws, reciprocally consented to; therefore no People are bound to suffer what their Princes have no Power to inflict, the Laws of every Nation being the Measure of magistratical Power.

If People be in Danger from unjust and violent Assaults, they have a natural Right to defend themselves, i. e. of resisting, some Way or other, that, which ought not to be done unto 'em by their municipal Laws, or those of Nature.

All Laws must fail, human Societies that subsist by 'em, and innocent Men be expos'd to the Violence of the most wicked, if Men might not justly defend themselves against Injustice by their own natural Right, when the Ways prescrib'd by publick Authority can't be taken.

Religion, 'tis true, is not to be propagated by Force of Arms, defended it may and ought. Nor are Christians to make War against those that will not receive the Documents of Christianity, tho' Grotius is of Opinion they justly may, against those who deal cruelly with Christians for Religion's Sake: For, adds he, there is nothing in the Christian Discipline, abh'ish, that is hurtful to human Society; which was acknowledg'd by the Heathens.

If Self-Defence be a Duty in any Case, much more in the Case of Religion, which is the best and noblest Part of our selves and Possessions.

If the Protestant Religion be the only true Religion, in a little time there will be no true Religion on Earth; if the swelling Tide of Papal Persecution be not stumm'd in time. The Protestant Faith that already has been banish'd out of several Countries, will soon undergo the same Fate in other Places, if no Check be given to the Progress of the aspiring Enemy.

In the Theocracy, Israel supported its Allies and Friends: The primitive Church, when in possession of Power, warmly espoused the Cause of Christianity, even to Blood. Since the Institution of Societies, Rulers have a Right over their Subjects, where they really offend, or where the Case is doubtful: But where the Injury done unto them is notorious and intollerable; where any *Bajis, Phalaris, Diomedes*, executes such things on their innocent Subjects, there says the Casuist, the Right of human Society is not precluded. †

The Christian Man has a natural Right not only to defend himself by Force against the cruel Oppressions of Assailants, but to assist others, in the like Case; especially those call'd by the inspir'd Writer, *The Household of Faith*, Gal. vi. 10, that is, who profess the same Religion. Thus Constantine, who was Head of the Christian Church, made War against Maxentius the Tyrant, who persecuted the Christians, drove him into the Tiber, where he was drown'd; he, who had drown'd others in their Blood.

* Algern. Sidney. *Disc. of Government.*

† Grotius.

C. V. *Licinius*, another Emperor, and a most cruel Persecutor of the Christians, was dethron'd, imprison'd, and at last strangled by *Constantine*, tho' his Brother-in-Law.

For the same Reasons, other Christian Emperors made War upon the *Perians*, or threaten'd to do so, if they did not abstain from persecuting the Christians. +

The late King of *Sweden* interpos'd on Behalf of the *Silesian Protestants*, and by Force of Arms obliged the Emperor to restore them to their Churches.

The People of *England* have not only assisted their persecuted Brethren abroad, but in their Turn have called in foreign Powers to assist them against the Oppressions of their own persecuting Monarchs.

Church and *State* concurr'd with *Queen Elizabeth* in assisting the *Dutch* and *French Protestants*, when they had taken up Arms against their lawful Princes in Defence of Religion.

In King *James I.* Reign, the Success of the persecuted *Dutch* against their Sovereigns (A. D. 1605 and 1624) was owing to the Bravery of the *English Regiments*, commanded by *Sir Francis Vere* and *Sir Edward Cecil*. In this Reign, lived the famous *Sir Henry Wotton*, who puts the Question, viz.

Whether Subjects must endure all the Cruelties and Tyannies of their Princes? — And how must their Infencies be restrain'd? and answers thus;

" I find two notable Laws for the Punishment of such Princes: The one made by *Conrad the Emperor*, commanding all Princes to embrace *Peace*, to maintain *Law and Equity*, and not to disturb the quiet and peaceable State of the Empire; and that whosoever transgres'd in any of these three Points should suffer Death."

The other Law, by *Otho the 3d*, was much to the same Effect, only he added, " That the Prince offending in any of these three Points, should, beside the Loss of his Life, lose all his Dominions and be held a common Enemy; and that all the Princes of Christendom should rise in Arms against him, as a perturber of Christian Peace and Tranquility. *

+ *In Persis, alii Romanorum Imperatores arma ceperunt, aut capere minati sunt; nisi vim Christianis Religionis nomine arcerent.* Grot. de Jure lib. ii. cap. xxv. p. 414.

* *State of Christendom*, p. 204.

He faith in *Page* 207, "That oppres'd Subjects may
" implore the Aid of foreign Princes to suppress their
" oppressing Governors, if their Cause be just and good." In his Supplement, he adds. "That the Prince denying to do Justice to his Subjects, may lawfully be depriv'd of his Power and Royal Authority over them. If after Admonition, he remains incorrigible, then may his Cruelties and Tyrannies be made known to the World, — and certified to Christian Princes; it may be lawful to implore their Help, for the speedy Suppressing, such a manifest incorrigible Oppressor and Tyrant."

Grotius among other Reasons, justifying Subjects taking up Arms against their Princes, alledges this, *insufferable Cruelties, and when their Prince is resolved upon their Destruction.* †

King *Charles I.* sent the Duke of *Buckingham* with a Fleet to relieve the poor Protestants in *Rochel*, which was then besieged by *Lewis XIII.* At the same time, there was a publick Fast over all *England* on their Account, and in the publick Form they pray'd for the Success of the persecuted against their King.

Oliver, by a few Threats dispers'd abroad, put a full Stop to the Persecution of foreign Protestants. When the Duke of *Savoy* threaten'd to nail his Ambassador's Hat to his Head; and if you do, said *Oliver*, I will send Ten Thousand Men to take out the Nail, whereupon *Hector* lower'd his Sails, and the Persecutor turns Guardian.

When *Portugal* was distress'd by the King of *Spain*, from whom it had revolted, King *Charles II.* sent an Army to their Relief, tho' Religion was not concerned in the Quarrel.

When King *James II.* one of the hereditary Monarchs of *England*, invaded the fundamental Rights of his People, and began to oppress the Church by committing her Bishops to the Tower, &c. The Church called in the *Dutch*, (whom she had formerly assisted in the like Circumstance) who under the Conduct of the *Brave Prince of Orange*, rescued Church and State from imminent Destruction.

† *Propter immanem Savitiam, and, Quando Rex in Populi exitium fertur. De Jure Belli.*

Thus, the Church made no bones of turning out the Lord's Anointed, when he turn'd Persecutor.

The late Queen Anne, when a Subject, thought it no Treason, nor Breach of filial Duty, to joyn with a foreign Power, to oppose her Royal Father, when he undermined the Church with a Design to introduce Popery: If Religion had not been dearer to her than a Father, 'tis not likely that her Royal Highness would have turn'd loose the Belgick Lyon upon the unhappy Man, and so dear a Relative.

When the Protestants in the Bishoprick of Hildesheim and Hoxtar, were opprest by the Elector of Cologne, his present Majesty KING GEORGE, when Elector, put Troops in the Capital City to oblige the Papists to observe the Westphalian Treaty on the Head of Religion, and did not withdraw them till he compell'd the Enemy to redress the Grievances of the Protestants.

And to what has been said, how the Pope and his Panderers daily animate Papists in England and other Protestant States to rebel against their Sovereigns, tho' no Violence is offered to their Persons or Properties. A Watch-word to Protestants.

Sir Henry Wotton observes how the Popish Powers enter'd into a League to suppress the Princes of the Reformation. Thus, the Emperor did not only agree to joyn Forces with Francis I. KING of France, against 'em; but implored the Assistance of other Romish Powers: By the Articles they were to use the Pope's Crusado's in the War against Protestants, as they were wont to do against the Turks. *

Sir James Melvil tells us, that Monsieur de Villamonte was sent with a Commission to treat with the Queen, that in no Way she should shew any Favour to the Protestant banish'd Lords; because that all Catholick Princes were bandied to root 'em out of all Europe. †

N. B. This was a Device of the Cardinal of Lorain after he return'd from the Council of Trent.

* His State of Christendom, p. 224, 225.

† His Memoirs, p. 63.

SECTION V.

BUT you'll say, should the Papists force us to a Religious War, are we able to encounter their numerous Legions, after so great a Consumption made in the Protestant Body? I answer,

Doubtless. Let their Numbers be never so great, the Protestants are still superior in Power and Purse too: If they had not been an over Match for Rome they had been long ago demolish'd. These subtle Enemies would never be at the Expence of destroying us by Piecemeals, were it in their Power to chop off the Head of the Protestant Body by a single Blow.

We had been swallow'd up alive long ago; but that we are too large a Morsel for them, as wide as their Throats are.

Upon the Continent, it's true they excell us in Number; but by being Masters of the Sea, we not only coop 'em in on Land, but can at Pleasure alarm their Coasts, bombard their maritime Towns, and turn them into so many glowing Furnaces; we can easily destroy their Commerce, and by seizing their Ships, soon beggar their Merchants.

If the British Fleet be now the Terror of the Universe, what Wonders may we not expect upon the Conjunction of the Naval Powers of England, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, and Russia? What a Horror will those floating Castles spread through the Continent; the very Thought of it makes their Blood to chill. Methinks, said a certain Foreigner, when I speak of the British Fleet, I hear Thunder grumbling in a distant Cloud.

The Baltic Sea is encircled with a glorious Constellation of Protestants, powerful enough, not only to overawe their Popish Neighbours; but to make considerable Diversions abroad. Poland (distrest by Plurality of Humours) dreads the Russian; Mussulmen hate the Poles; Courland and the Cities of Prussia will sit upon their Skirts.

The German Protestants united, would make a formidable Kingdom, yea, the Grand Chamberlain himself strong enough to bridle an Empire.

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The Fr——, indeed look terrible ; at the first Onset they are more than Men, but at the last less than Women ; they know how to brandish their Tongue beyond all Nations, but they will allow us to be their Masters at the Sword : In the *Levity*, *Rodomantado*, and *Chicane*, we give them the Preference, as they do to us in the military Art.

They wear a Sword, but since the Grand Monarch's Retreat from the Earth, 'tis more for Ornament than Use. *Gallick Fortitude* attended him to the other World, its Ghost just appear'd in the Days of *Mississippi*, and after a Struggle for the Philosophers Stone sneak'd off. In their late Conquests they were fortunate, in Proportion to the *Golden Snares* they laid for their Enemies, and never took a Town, but what they first paid for.

From *Italy* (where Errors and Treasons sit constantly brooding) we have little to fear, if the Idea's of Painters, Courtezans, Eunuchs, and Fidlers, have nothing frightful in them.

If six Hundred sixty six Bombs were thrown into *Babylon the Great* ; *Rome* (a Court the most proud and ambitious in the World) would tremble, and the *Roman Infallibility* would be put to its Trumps.

Policy and Poverty constitute an *Italian Prince*, the one will oblige him to sit still, the other direct him how to plead for the Convenience of such a Posture : They hate War and Quarrelling, but can act a Scaramouch with any Nation.

Venice, the *Adroit*, that City of Address is Romish, but more wedded to the Sea than to *Rome*, dreads nothing so much as a *Turk* and bad Markets ; will lose no Blood for any Religion but Gain, nor fight for any *G O D* but *Mammon*.

Not a Sea-Horse in the *Mediterranean*, but has a *Minorcan Bridle* in its Mouth, and should it break loose, it will be noos'd at *Gibraltar*.

Ten *English Men of War*, will give *Gadira* the Convulsion : Fifty Men of War more will enlighten the Western Coasts of young *Nimrod*, and make the *Egyptian* say, *Let us flee from the Face of Israel*.

This Triumph by Sea is a Conquest of the Land, and will effectually clip the Wings of Papal Harpies, that not a Limb of them shall float in Air ; and when Birds of Prey have lost their Wings, you may (to prevent future Danger) cut off their Talons or Legs.

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But after all, Skirmishes about Religion may happen among opposite Powers ; but an universal religious War there will not, there cannot be : Yea, suppose France and Spain should unite their Forces, and turn them against Protestants ; even the Pope (who would have no Friend without a Fetter) would damn the Project, if consient with his Predecessors.

Our Historians tell us, how the victorious Arms of *Charles V.* against the Protestants created a World of Jealousies at *Rome*, and obliged Pope *Paul the III.* to recall the Troops destin'd to the Emperor's Service.

Gregory the XV. in the War of the *Valteline*, sided with the *Grisons*, who were Protestants, against the *Spaniards* who were Papists.

Nor was *Urban the VIII.* displeas'd to see, the House of *Austria*, mortified by *Gustavus Adolphus* the King of *Sweden* ; that Pope, instead of paying the Emperor *Ferdinand II.* a Sum of Money according to Promise, sent him and his Army a *plenary Indulgence in the Hour of Death*, on Purpose, that they might with greater Confidence expose themselves to Danger.

But we must not take these unusual Instances as Criterions of his Friendship, but Policy. He would not have our Destruction attempted by rough Means and open Violences, lest the House they are pulling down should fall upon their own Heads ; but he would carry on the barbarous Design against Protestants by Sapping, and Cover'd-Ways, now and then sacrificing a few Stragglers : Success, adds the *Infallible*, depends on a gradual Progress ; *Pull Hair by Hair, and you will make the Carl bald*, says the Proverb.

Plutarch, in the Life of *Sertorius*, tells us, that his Fame bringing many Thousands under his Command, they grew ungovernable in their Attacks of the Enemy ; on which, *Sertorius* command'd two Horses to be brought into the Field, and a strong Man to pull at the Tail of one, and a weak old Man at the other.

The strong Man catch'd all the Tail at once in his Hands, fell a tugging with all his Might to no Purpose ; but the weak Man, pulling off the Hairs one by one, in a little Time left the Tail bare. You see, said *Sertorius* to the Spectators, that what can't be done by one Effort, is

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by Degrees effected, for there is no Force so great, which may not be less'd in Time. *

I am of Opinion, there is one Consideration not yet mention'd, that will effectually secure the Protestant Interest against all future Storms; and that is a strict Union amongst all the Protestant Powers, and the Glorious KING G E O R G E (the great Patron of Liberty and Property) at the Head of it.

A Conjunction of such Luminaries would amaze the World, drive 'away the gathering Clouds, and instantly exorcise the Spirit of Persecution, without any other Expedient.

The Jesuit, who is himself a War, and who now so profusely throws about the Arrows of Death, would look with a gloomy State at the News, and his Zeal cool for Want of Fuel to keep in the Fire.

Not a Dog in *Ægypt* would move his Tongue against *Israel*, if *Israel* were thus united, especially under KING G E O R G E, the tutelar Head of the Protestant Religion.

* Plut. in *Vitan Sectar.*



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